

Special City Election Fire Station and Library Projects May 2, 2017

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Special City Election – Bond Referendum

- Election ballot will propose two bond referendums
 - \$2.55 million to help fund a new fire station
 - \$8.5 million to help fund a new library and to repurpose the Kirkendall Library into office space for City employees
- Two questions on the ballot
- Voters will decide on each question separately



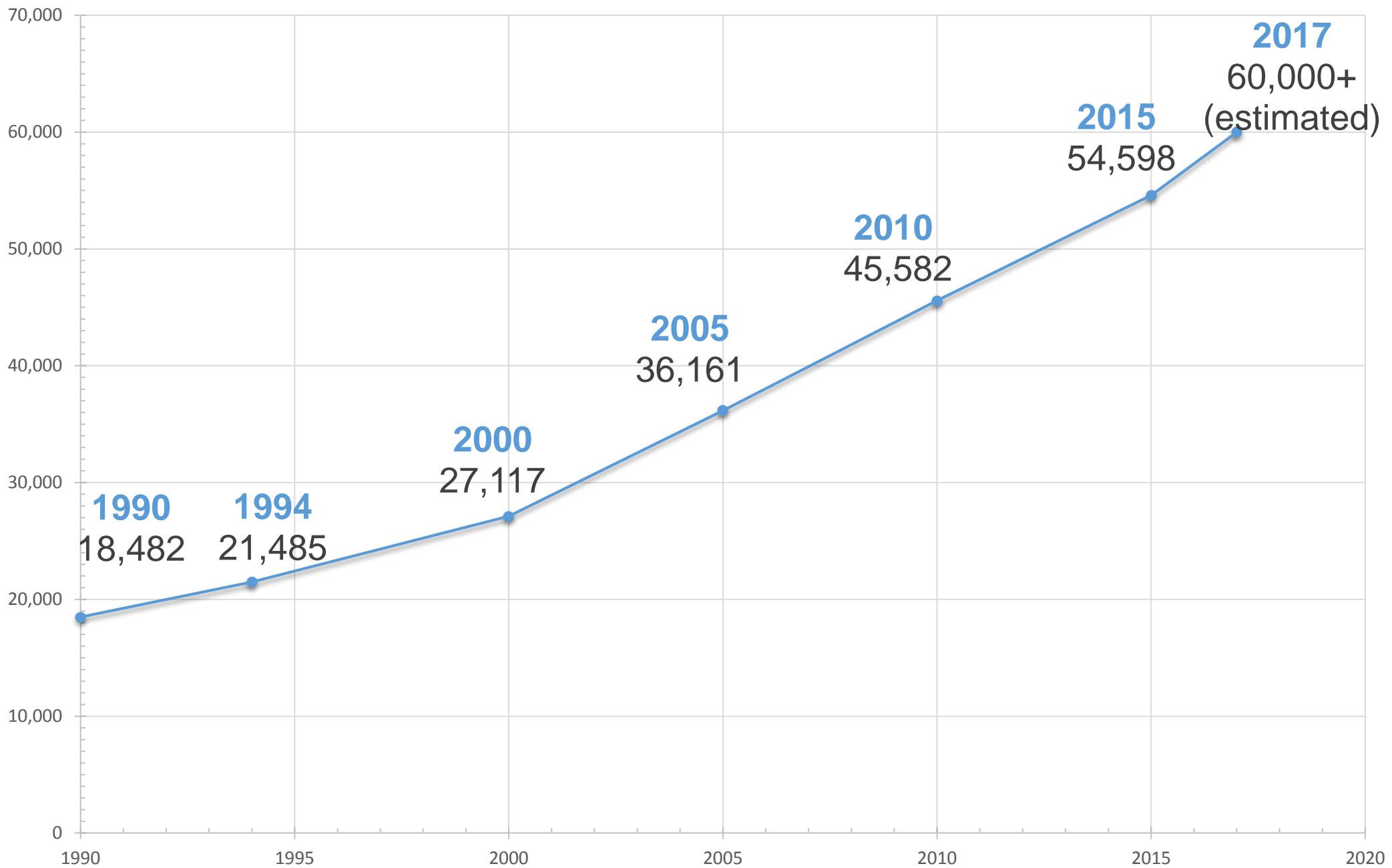
Bond Questions:

“Shall the city of Ankeny, Iowa, issue its bonds in an amount not exceeding the amount of \$2,550,000 for the purposes of designing, constructing, equipping and furnishing a new fire station?”

“Shall the city of Ankeny, Iowa, issue its bonds in an amount not exceeding the amount of \$8,500,000 for the purposes of designing, constructing, equipping and furnishing a new library; and renovating, equipping and furnishing the existing Kirkendall Public Library and associated parking lot?”

What you should know:

- Taxes will not be affected if the referendum passes.
- By voting yes for the bond referendum, residents are giving the city permission to borrow funds for this project.
- There is a dedicated funding source for repaying the bonds.
- Repayment of the bonds will not compete with other funding projects.



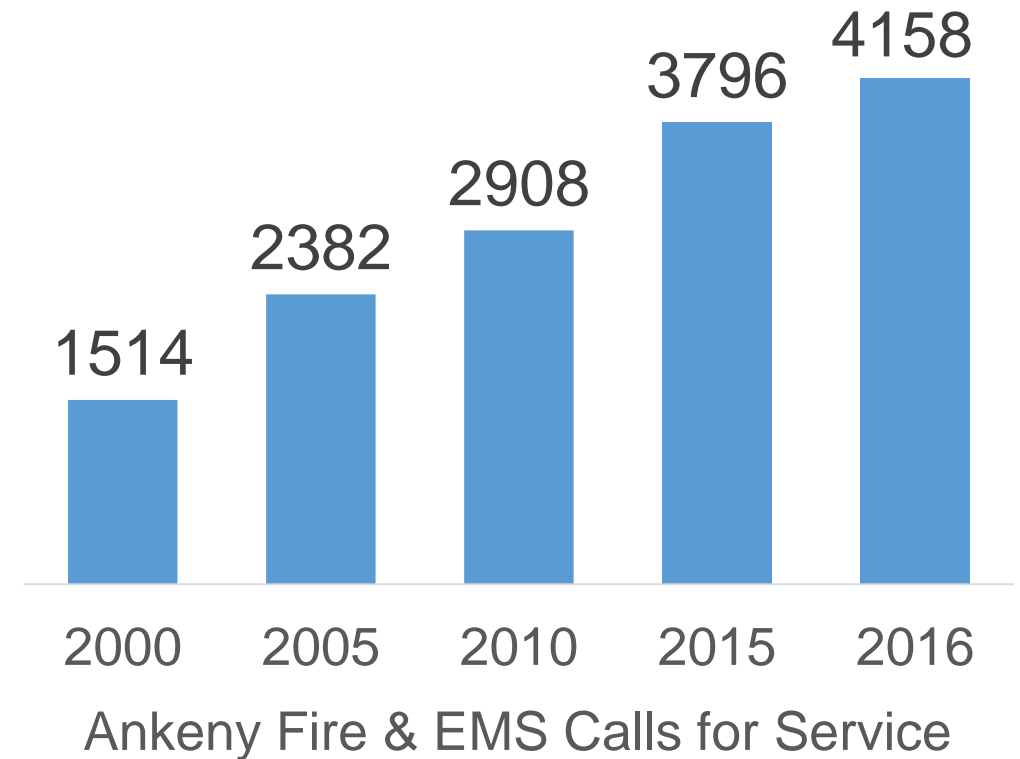
Population Growth in Ankeny

Why a bond referendum?

- Projects support the needs of the growing community
- Align with the priorities and preferences shared by residents:
 - 2015 Citizen Survey
 - 2015 Library Survey
 - Ankeny 2040 Plan Community Survey
- 2015 Facility Needs Study identified the need for library projects

Why do we need a new fire station?

- Calls for Fire and EMS services increase each year:
 - 50% increase since 2009
 - Grown by 362 calls in one year
- North location will allow for faster response times
- More senior living, nursing homes, urgent care clinics – especially on the north side



Why do we need a new library?

- Our collection size does not serve our population, there is no room to expand
- Program attendance has outgrown the current space
- Quiet rooms are full, and there is often a waiting list
- Meeting space is limited and often booked in advance

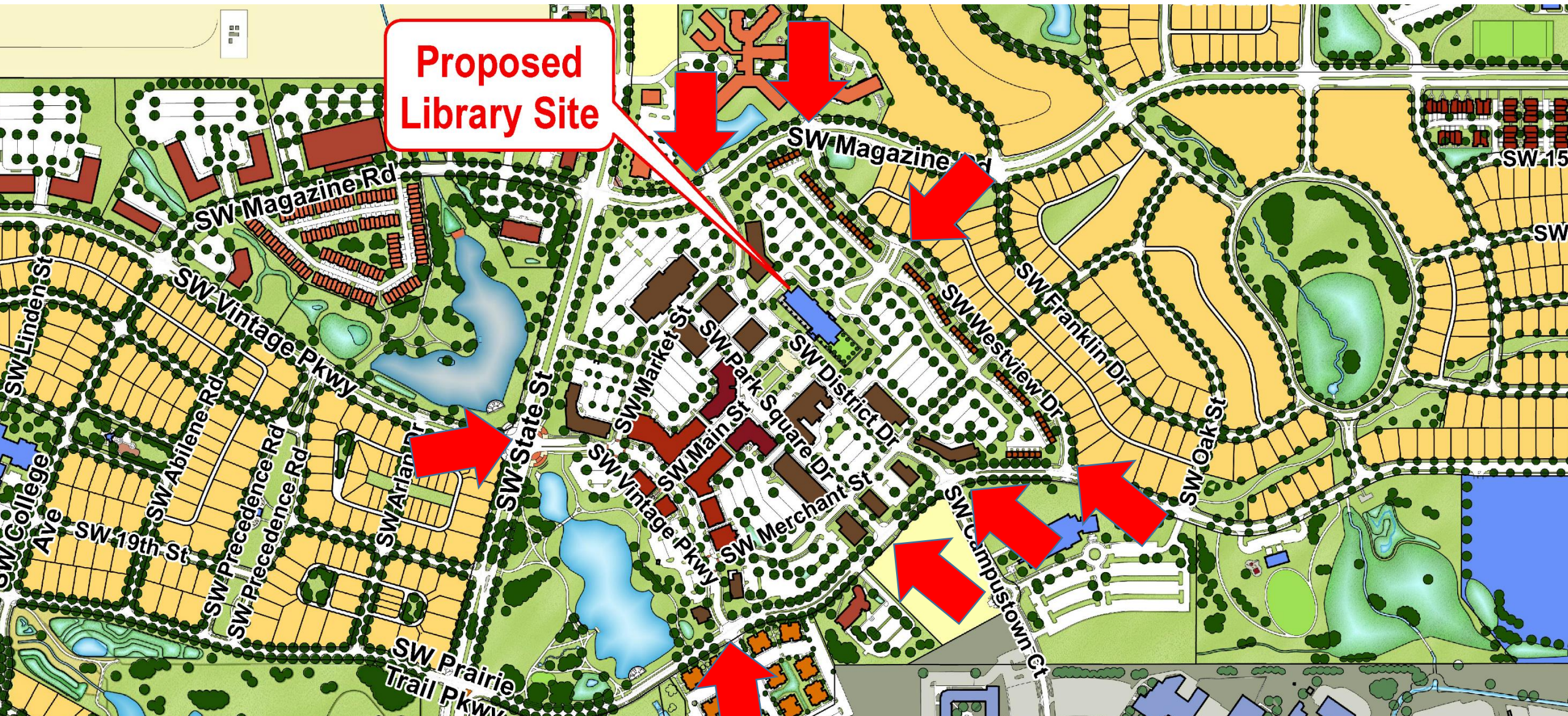


Circulation

2016: 583,280

2000: 350,213

Where will the new library be located?





About the new library

- Designed as a community gathering space
- Overall space will double in size
- More meeting space and quiet rooms
- Council Chambers will be available to public when not in use by the city
- More parking spaces (242 stalls)
- More programs offered
- Automated check in system, drive up drop off zone



How will the library projects be funded?

- \$8.5 million in bond proceeds
- \$5 million from the Capital Projects Reserve Fund
- \$11.5 million from the Civic Trust Fund
- \$3.05 million from a lease abatement

Total cost for the library projects: \$25 million



About the fire station

- Fire Station No. 3 is a satellite station
- Same building plans as Station No. 2, with potential modifications
- One ambulance, one fire truck
- Staff of five
- Located on the north side of Ankeny, allowing for faster response times to this area



Where will the third fire station be located?



How will the fire station be funded?

\$2.55 million in bond proceeds

\$2.65 million from the Capital Reserve Fund

Total cost is \$5.2 million



Will the bonds pay for staffing?

No, a staffing plan is in place for Fire Station #3. Funding for staffing is part of the FY2018 and FY2019 General Operating Budgets. The fire station will be staffed when it opens.

What is the timeline for construction?



Fire Station No. 3

- Ground breaking July 2017
- Fire station opens September 2018



Library

- Ground breaking TBD
- Library opens in 2019

Why the referendum?

- Ankeny is the third fastest growing city in the United States.
- The population of Ankeny has more than doubled in size over the last 15 years.
- Ankeny needs a new library and a third fire station to meet the demands of its growing community.
- Taxes will not be affected by passing the Bond Referendum.

How to vote

- Request an absentee ballot
- In person at the Polk County Auditor's Office in Downtown Des Moines
- At the polls on May 2, 2017, 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
 - *Check your location online at www.polkcountyiowa.gov/auditor



Questions?

